

# ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

## Washington County



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Utah Department of Workforce Services

### Year-to-Year Change in Nonfarm Jobs

MARCH 2016\*

↑ 3,425

6.1%

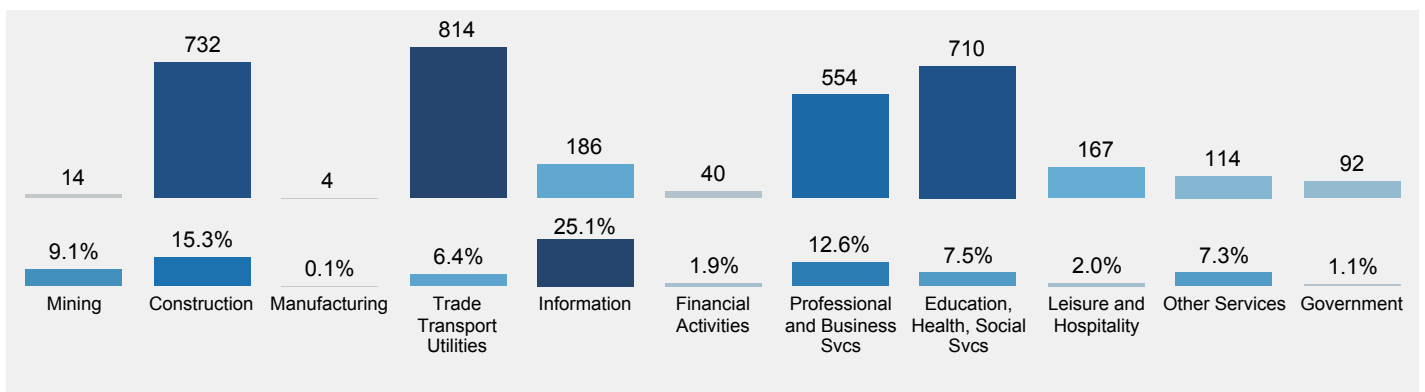
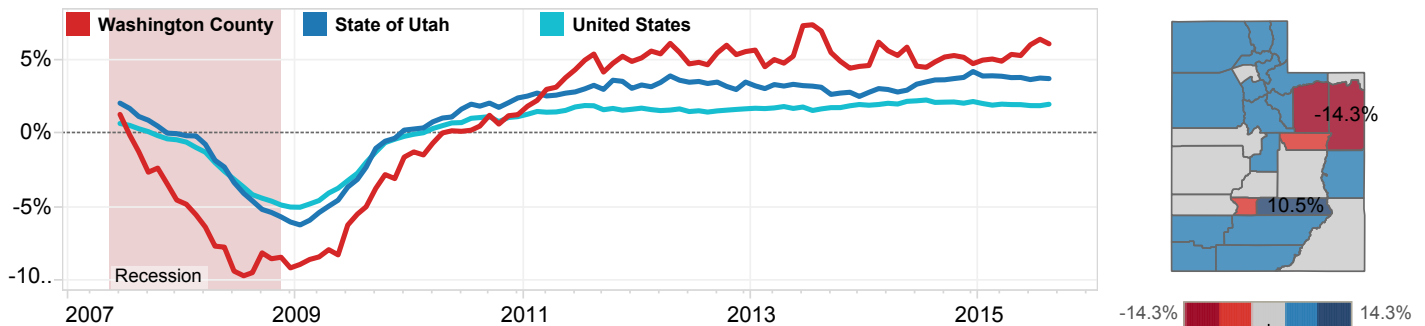
Washington County

3.7%

State of Utah

2.0%

United States



### How's the economy?

Washington County started 2016 with a slightly better employment performance than the previous year. While most of 2015 produced year-to-year growth rates near the 5-percent mark, first quarter 2016 rates popped up to the 6-percent mark. While 6 percent expansion is not far off normal for Utah's Dixie, higher job growth could signal an overheated economy. As in most Utah counties, Washington County's has seen its jobless rate edge up in recent months. Strong job growth and limited unemployment insurance claims activity suggest that labor force entrants and re-entrants are temporarily inflating the unemployed totals. Overall, construction permitting is running above average and gross taxable sales are increasing nicely. All indicators continue to point to a currently healthy economy.

### Jobs

Between March 2015 and March 2016, Washington County generated 3,400 new nonfarm jobs for a year-to-year growth rate of 6 percent.

Construction took the lead in job creation followed closely by healthcare/social services and retail trade. Professional/business services also added a substantial number of new positions.

All major industries showed job gains, although manufacturing employment barely held steady.

\*Preliminary  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Utah Department of Workforce Services.

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## Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate JUNE 2016

4.1%

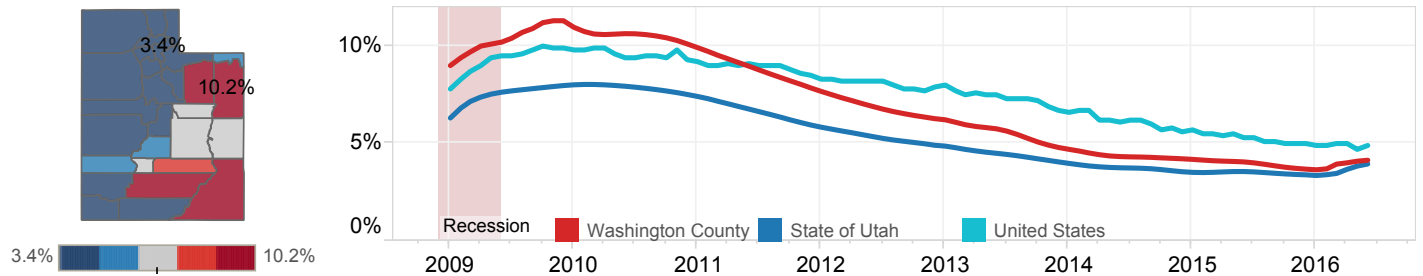
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4.0%

State of Utah

4.9%

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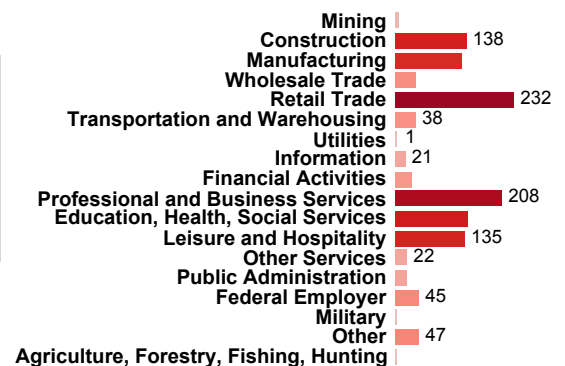
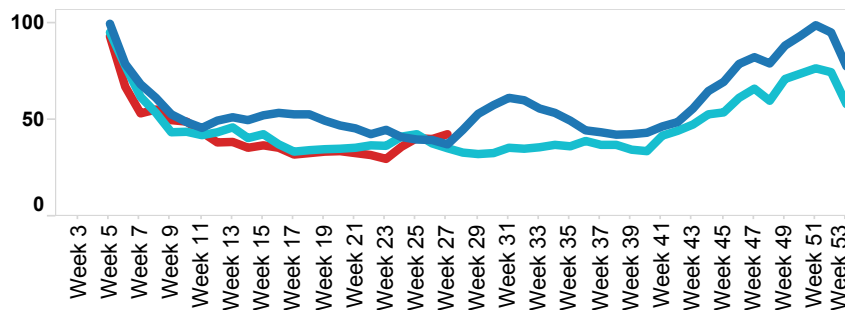


## Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance

YTD July 2, 2016

Four-Week Moving Average

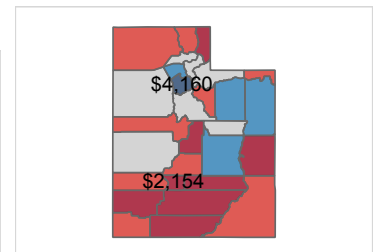
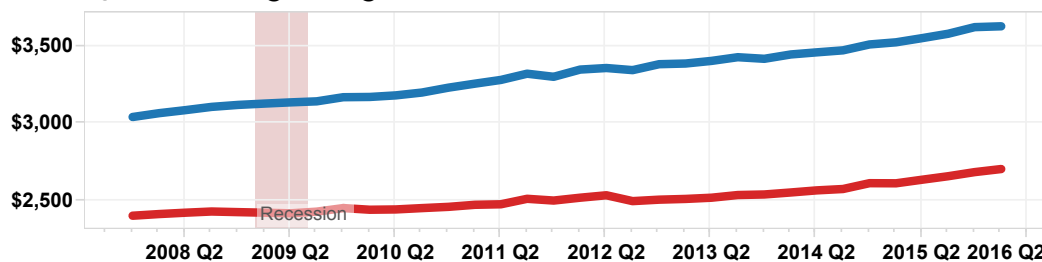
2014 2015 2016



## Average Monthly Wage FIRST QUARTER 2016\*

Four-Quarter Moving Average

Washington County State of Utah



## Unemployment and Wages

As in many Utah counties, joblessness has ticked upwards in recent months, but it remains relatively low at 4.1 percent in June 2016.



New claims for unemployment insurance followed a seasonal pattern in the first half of 2016 and provide no signs of large lay-offs.



Retail trade, professional/business services and leisure/hospitality services (all with seasonal or temporary characteristics) have generated the largest numbers of first-time claims so far this year.



Washington County's average monthly nonfarm wage continues to gradually increase. Between the first quarters of 2015 and 2016, the average wage improved by roughly 3 percent.

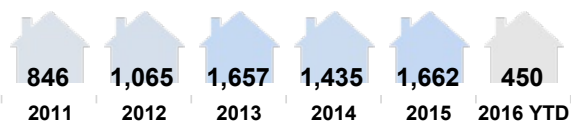


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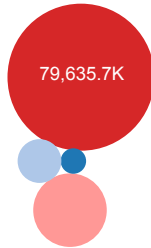
## Construction Permitting JANUARY-MARCH 2016

### Dwelling Unit Permits



Change  
39%

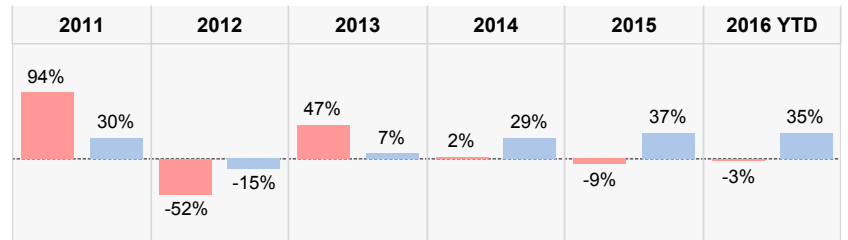
### JANUARY-MARCH 2016



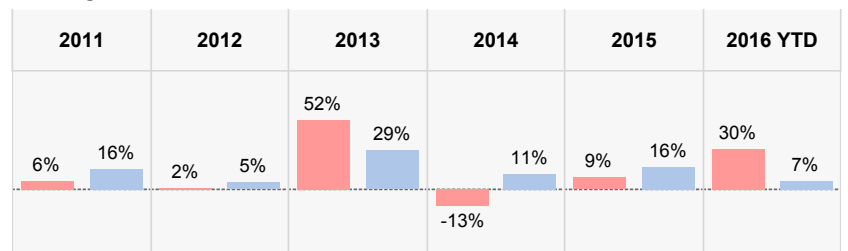
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### Change in Nonresidential Values

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### Change in Total Values



## Year-to-Year Change In Gross Taxable Sales FIRST QUARTER 2016

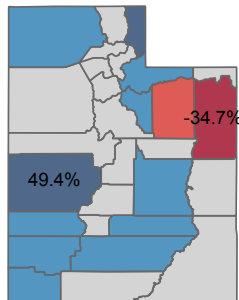
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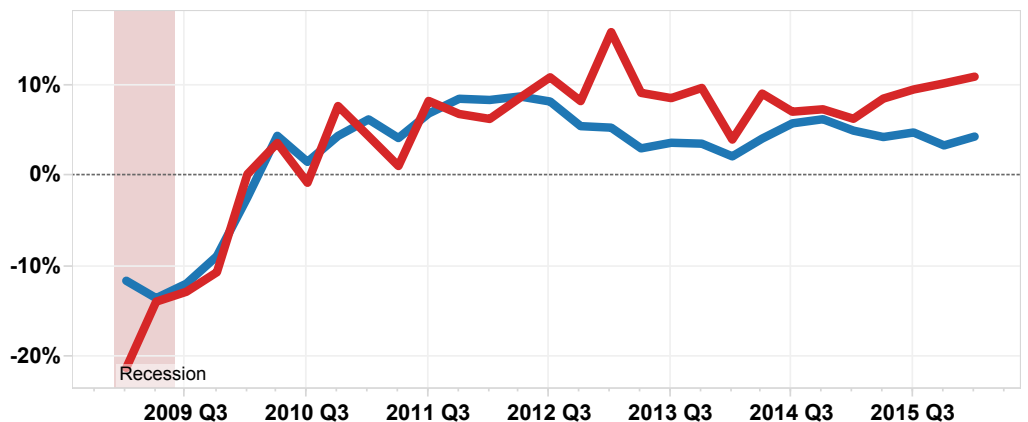
State of Utah

\$11.0%

\$4.4%



-49.4% 49.4%



## Construction and Sales

Residential construction permitting started the year in fine shape. Home permits are up almost 40 percent for first quarter 2016 compared to last year.



New nonresidential permitting remained essentially flat.



Gross taxable sales began its sixth straight year of expansion. Between the first quarters of 2015 and 2016, Washington County sales jumped by 11 percent.



Motor vehicle sales, building material/garden stores, general merchandise stores and accommodations/food services were the big sales winners of first quarter 2016.



\*Preliminary; NA - Not Available.

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services, Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research and Utah State Tax Commission.



## Nonfarm Jobs by Month FIRST QUARTER 2016\*

	January 2016			February 2016			March 2016		
	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Year-Ago % Change	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Year-Ago % Change	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Year-Ago % Change
<b>TOTAL</b>	57,611	3,280	6.0%	58,630	3,535	6.4%	59,517	3,425	6.1%
<b>GOODS PRODUCTION</b>	8,669	744	9.4%	8,788	764	9.5%	8,771	750	9.4%
Mining	161	11	7.3%	163	13	8.7%	168	14	9.1%
Construction	5,378	610	12.8%	5,468	656	13.6%	5,530	732	15.3%
Manufacturing	3,130	123	4.1%	3,157	95	3.1%	3,073	4	0.1%
<b>SERVICE PRODUCTION</b>	48,942	2,536	5.5%	49,842	2,771	5.9%	50,746	2,675	5.6%
Trade Transport Utilities	13,251	671	5.3%	13,345	650	5.1%	13,632	814	6.4%
Wholesale Trade	1,259	49	4.0%	1,317	111	9.2%	1,308	94	7.7%
Retail Trade	8,516	482	6.0%	8,564	463	5.7%	8,794	633	7.8%
Transportation and Warehousing	3,345	133	4.1%	3,347	82	2.5%	3,415	97	2.9%
Utilities	131	7	5.6%	117	-6	-4.9%	115	-10	-8.0%
Information	948	225	31.1%	926	199	27.4%	927	186	25.1%
Financial Activities	2,158	57	2.7%	2,177	66	3.1%	2,199	40	1.9%
Finance and Insurance	1,352	92	7.3%	1,344	71	5.6%	1,345	54	4.2%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	806	-35	-4.2%	833	-5	-0.6%	854	-14	-1.6%
Professional and Business Svcs	4,664	622	15.4%	4,854	704	17.0%	4,962	554	12.6%
Professional/Scientific/Techn Svcs	2,317	307	15.3%	2,419	320	15.2%	2,441	289	13.4%
Management of Companies	79	7	9.7%	89	17	23.6%	129	53	69.7%
Administrative Support/Waste Mgmt	2,268	308	15.7%	2,346	367	18.5%	2,392	212	9.7%
Education, Health, Social Svcs	10,139	775	8.3%	10,266	835	8.9%	10,230	710	7.5%
Educational Services	545	14	2.6%	548	24	4.6%	548	22	4.2%
Health Care and Social Services	9,594	761	8.6%	9,718	811	9.1%	9,682	688	7.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,845	11	0.1%	8,105	87	1.1%	8,526	167	2.0%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	873	24	2.8%	894	37	4.3%	924	40	4.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	6,972	-13	-0.2%	7,211	50	0.7%	7,602	127	1.7%
Other Services	1,644	108	7.0%	1,658	105	6.8%	1,673	114	7.3%
<b>Government</b>	8,292	69	0.8%	8,509	127	1.5%	8,595	92	1.1%
Federal	495	11	2.3%	506	22	4.5%	532	3	0.6%
State	1,811	22	1.2%	1,960	50	2.6%	1,993	60	3.1%
Local	5,986	36	0.6%	6,043	55	0.9%	6,070	29	0.5%
<b>Covered Ag, Forestry, Fishing &amp; Hunting*</b>	91	-15	-14.2%	89	-15	-14.4%	90	-2	-2.2%

\* Not included in total.

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding and the exclusion of confidential data.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

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